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DRAFT CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR GERALDINE CASSINELLI, DONALD MONDANI AND DOUGLAS MONDANI, NEWTON MINE SITE, AMADOR COUNTY

Enclosed is a draft copy of a Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Newton Mine Site. Section 13304(a) of the California Water Code provides that "any person who has discharged or discharges waste...shall upon order of the Regional Board clean up the waste or abate the effects of the waste..." Also, enclosed is a draft Monitoring and Reporting Program which requires quarterly sampling of surface waters and seeps at the mine site.

This Draft Cleanup and Abatement Order requires water quality monitoring in Copper Creek, submittal of a plan to complete waste characterization studies, submittal of a complete engineering feasibility study for mine cleanup based on the waste characterization and submittal of a closure plan for the mine site. These Orders will not become final until after a 30-day public comment period, which began on the date of this letter. Please submit any comments in writing by **30 May 2007**.

If you have any comments or questions, please call Ross Atkinson at (916) 464-4614 or me at (916) 464-4626.

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Enclosure- Order

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